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TOPIC Balomir Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. The airfield is south of the village of Balomir (SQ 61) in the valley of the Muresul River just east of the Cugir Brook. The Alba-Julia-Deva railroad line runs between the field and Balomir. (1)
2. The field is from 20 to 25 meters above the roads passing to the north and west. The main field to the west is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ km with its longitudinal axis approximately in a N-S direction. (2) It was constructed in 1942 by the German Air force and was later used by the Soviets. It is now assigned to the Rumanian Air Force but is not frequently used. A hangar and some cantonment buildings are in the southeastern section of the field. (3)
3. There are no lighting facilities at the field, nor is there a weather station or DF installation. It is not known whether the sodded landing field is serviceable in rainy weather. The field is guarded by a small Rumanian detail quartered in one of the cantonment buildings. A meadow, about 1 km east of the main field and separated from it by an oak forest and vineyards, is used as an emergency field. (4)
4. The Balomir airfield was used exclusively by the Soviet Air Force. About 20 planes were parked at the field on 3 September 1948. Soviet Air force soldiers were quartered in

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the villages of Balomir and Sibot. The field is on a plateau south of Balomir and is estimated at 1,000x1,500 meters. (2) It can be used only by light planes. There are seven cantonment buildings and four small wooden hangars, each with a capacity of about three planes. (3)

5. Two twin-engine Soviet planes were standing at the field on 2 May 1950. It was rumored that more Soviet planes were expected to arrive. (3)

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Comments.

- (1) The statements on the location of the airfield agree with another report. The two small rivers and the villages south of the field are additional landmarks. See Annex for location of airfield.
- (2) The dimension of 1x1½ km was previously reported, and is considered correct.
- (3) The number of wooden hangars and cantonment buildings is not clear. Two wooden hangars, each 20x30 meters, and two cantonment buildings were reported before.
- (4) Detailed information on the status of technical equipment is received for the first time.
- (5) A permanent occupation of the field by a Soviet unit is considered improbable at present due to the lack of technical equipment and quartering facilities.

1 Annex: Balomir Airfield.

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